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TO: Program Coordination Team and Extended Review Team

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SUBJECT: Preparation for May 15 Meeting

We are at a critical point in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We are refining our set of ten alternatives according to input from scoping meetings and extensive comment from stakeholders and interested parties across the state as well as comments from the Program Coordination Team and Extended Review Team (PCT and ERT). At the same time, we have been working with some of you in evaluating the alternatives against the solution principles, as we offered to do at the last PCT and ERT Meeting.

In the ten alternatives, our alternatives were structured to include several components that are implemented at variable levels. For instance, ecosystem quality improvements are pursued at modest, moderate, or extensive levels. A similar approach is used for other components such as water quality, system vulnerability, and water use efficiency. Recent input from scoping and the evaluation against solution principles have led us to conclude that further refinement of alternatives should move away from this modest/moderate/extensive structure. Instead, we propose an approach in which several components are quite similar across a range of alternatives. This concept is explained more fully in the accompanying material.

This shift in our approach, and the way that we structure alternatives on the short list, will be the primary topics of discussion at our upcoming meeting. We look forward to receiving your suggestions for improving or altering that approach on Wednesday May 15.

Please note on your calendar that the Program Coordination Team and Extended Review Team meeting previously scheduled for June 12th has been moved to **Wednesday June 5th (from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 1142)** to better coordinate with CALFED and BDAC meetings.

Enclosures

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CALFED Agencies

**California**

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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